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1959 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

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and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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SALTBURN AND MARSKE ANNUAL REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the area for the year ended 31st December, 1959, during the whole period of which the late Dr. H. Pattinson was Medical Officer of Health.

Although Dr. Pattinson was not known to me personally, I should like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to his work in the area, which has undoubtedly contributed much to the health of the inhabitants.

I should also like to acknowledge the help I have received in preparing this Report from Mr. N. R. Darling, the Public Health Inspector, and the Staff of the Area Health Office.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	4,082
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1959)	10,220
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,380
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£114,940
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£470

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 population ...	20.9
LIVE BIRTHS	...	108	106	214	Corrected Birth Rate...	20.1
Legitimate	...	102	101	203		
Illegitimate	...	6	5	11		
STILL BIRTHS						
Legitimate	...	3	3	6	Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still Births)	
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—	...	27.3

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	2	Rate for 1,000 live births	...	9.3
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year of age	...	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	9.9
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year of age	...	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	Nil
Maternal deaths	...	Maternal mortality rate	...	Nil

Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births — 5.1%

Neonatal mortality rate — 4.7.

TABLE II

**DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR
CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1959**

Rate for 1,000 Population

DEATHS

All Causes 11.7*	Whooping Cough 0.00	Diphtheria 0.00	Tuberculosis 0.00	Influenza 0.10	Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) 0.00	Pneumonia 0.10
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NOTIFICATIONS

Typhoid Fever 0.00	Paratyphoid Fever 0.00	Meningococcal Infection 0.10	Scarlet Fever 0.00	Whooping Cough 0.00	Diphtheria 0.00	Tuberculosis 1.07
Erysipelas 0.00	Measles 19.18	Pneumonia 0.29	Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Paralytic 0.10		Food Poisoning 0.20	

* Corrected Death Rate

TABLE III

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	2	—
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus... ..	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	7
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system...	8	11
Coronary disease, angina	15	7
Hypertension with heart disease	—	1
Other heart disease	12	18
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Influenza	—	1
Pneumonia	1	—
Bronchitis	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	4	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—
All other accidents	3	4
Suicide	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
	<hr/> 57	<hr/> 60

SALTBURN AND MARSKE

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

				1959	1958	1957	1956
				Population	Population	Population	Population
				10220	9600	9570	9110
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0	2	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	196	46	72	100
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	0	1	13	20
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	3	3	5
Erysipelas	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	2	3	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	1	0	1	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	1	0	1	2
Acute Encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	10	3	5	4
Other Forms of Tuberculosis...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	0	1	1
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	2	0	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	2	0	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS, 1959

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
1	1	—	5	2	1	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	11

10 Respiratory 1 Non-Respiratory

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

		1959	1958	1957	1956
Primary Courses	...	159	126	129	167
Reinforcing Doses	...	110	76	100	47

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

1959	1958
161	114

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS :

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Monday and Friday at 1-30 p.m.
(This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS :

Marske Church Hall Alternate Mondays at 2-00 p.m.
The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Alternate Wednesdays at 2-00 p.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS :

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m.

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS :

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m. and
alternate Wednesdays at 2-00 p.m.
Marske Church Hall. Alternate Mondays at 2-00 p.m.

OPHTHALMIC CLINICS :

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. By Appointment.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS :

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. Second Tuesday in each month at
10-30 a.m. By Appointment.

DENTAL CLINICS :

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. By appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINIC :

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Friday at 7-00 p.m.

HOUSING

Permanent Houses completed by Local Authority in 1959 ...	...	...	69
Aged Persons' Houses completed by Local Authority in 1959 ...	...	...	22
Permanent Houses completed by Private Builders in 1959 ...	...	...	177
Permanent Houses under construction by Local Authority at end of year ...			18
Aged Persons' Houses under construction by Local Authority at end of year			Nil
Permanent Houses under construction by Private Builders at end of year ...			185

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	46	109	8
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	6	—
TOTAL	52	115	8

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	5	5
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Insufficient	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	3	3
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—
TOTAL	8	8

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1959

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
CERTIFIED MEAT INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my thirteenth annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1959. The delay in the publishing of this report is due to the death of the late Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. Pattinson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

The staff of the department consists of one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections are made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops, and stalls for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Acts, Food Hygiene Regulations and Byelaws.

During the year 45 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified as unfit for human consumption :—

						lbs.	ozs.
Tinned Goods	...	...	...	...		412	14
Fish	...	...	...	...		32	8
Bacon and Ham	...	...	...	...		99	0
Cooked Meats	...	...	...	...		10	12
Chilled Beef	...	...	...	...		165	0
Total						720	2

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

At the commencement of the year there were four licensed slaughterhouses in the district and regular inspections were made for the purpose of inspecting meat following slaughter.

During the year a total of 902 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 2485 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 827 lbs.

The mutual aid scheme with Skelton and Brotton and Loftus Urban District Councils worked satisfactorily during the year. The Public Health Inspectors from Skelton and Brotton and Loftus made 31 visits to this area, whilst I made 33 visits to Skelton and Brotton Urban District for the purpose of meat inspection only.

The licences for three slaughterhouses were renewed during the year; the owner of the fourth slaughterhouse, which is situated at New Marske, failed to apply for renewal and this licence has lapsed.

Meat was condemned for the following reasons :

							lbs.
Cirrhosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	462
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Septic Mastitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Sever Bruising	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Decomposition	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Distomatosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Oedema	.....	...	...	...	...	...	10
Necrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total							827

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :

				Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	...	...	...	454	79	52	1900	500	—
Number Inspected	...	...	...	454	79	52	1900	500	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :									
Whole Carcases Condemned	...	...	...	—	—	1	1	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	...	...	...	51	2	—	4	2	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	...	...	...	11.2	2.5	1.9	0.26	0.40	—
Tuberculosis only :									
Whole Carcases Condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	4	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	1.2	—	—	0.80	—
Cysticercosis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—

MILK SUPPLIES

No complaints were received during the year with regard to milk supplies in the area.

There are four premises in the area which are registered as dairies.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED) MILK REGULATIONS, 1949 to 1950

There are eight 'Pasteurised' and nine 'Sterilised' milk dealers and distributors registered under the above Regulations.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS 1949 to 1950

There are eight registered dealers and distributors under the above Regulations.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

...

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale and manufacture of ice cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	1
Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	50
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved				
Food and Sausage, including Fried Fish Shops				16

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

There are six licences to slaughter or stun animals in force and during the year five of these were renewed.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the fore-shore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

...

There are 52 premises on the register of the Local Authority.

During the year 115 visits were made to these premises and eight notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspections made during the twelve months under review.

Total Number of Inspections	...	...	...	2866
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Found				364
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Abated				359
Total Number of Informal Notices	...	...		86
Total Number of Statutory Notices	...	...		—
Total Number of Informal Notices Complied with				83
Total Number of Statutory Notices Complied with				—
Total Number of Informal Notices Outstanding				3

LIST OF DEFECTS

Leaking and Defective Roofs	11
Loose and Missing Slates to Roofs	6
Defective and Dangerous Chimneys	3
Defective and Perished Brickwork	12
Defective and Perished Pointing	23
Defective and Dangerous Walls	8
Defective and Dangerous Outbuildings	1
Absence of Eavesgutters	6
Defective Eavesgutters	8
Absence of Downpipes	4
Defective Downpipes	4
Absence of Soil Pipe	1
Absence of and Defective Drainage	7
Choked Drainage	11
Absence of and Defective Manholes	5
Absence of and Defective Gullies	1
Burst Pipes	1
Broken and Defective Paving	5
Broken and Defective Steps	1
Defective External Paintwork	1
Absence of Water Closets	9
Defective W.C. Basin	1
Defective W.C. Cistern	1
Defective W.C. Seat	1
Absence of Bathrooms	14
Absence of Wash-Hand Basins	7
Absence of Hot Water Supply	10
Absence of Ventilated Food Stores	5
Absence of Fuel Store	1
Absence of Sufficient Kitchen	1
Absence of or Insufficient Natural Lighting	3
Absence of or Insufficient Artificial Lighting	3
Insufficient Window Area	2
Absence of or Insufficient Ventilation	1
Damp Walls	33
Defective and Perished Plaster	4
Defective Ceilings	2
Loose and Defective Windows	8
Defective Doors and Gates	9
Defective and Rotting Woodwork	4
Absence of or Defective Draining Board	1
Absence of or Loose Skirting Boards	2
Defective Staircase	1
Defective Floors	17
Insufficient Floor Area	2

Defective Fireplaces	...	...	...	...	5
Defective Wash Boilers	...	...	...	...	1
Insufficient Dustbins	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	8
Accumulation of Refuse	...	...	...	...	7
Dirty Premises	...	...	...	...	7
Breaches of Terms of Tenancy	...	...	...	...	4
Breaches of Building Byelaws	...	...	...	...	8
Breaches of Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	2
Breaches of Factories Acts	...	...	...	...	8
Breaches of Slaughterhouses Acts	...	...	...	...	1
Breaches of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	...	...	45
Infestation of Insects	...	...	...	...	4
Infestation of Rats	...	...	...	...	1
Application for Licence to Use Land as Site for Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	1
Total					364

LICENSED PREMISES

All licensed premises in the area have been visited for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities, and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Acts and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the Local Authority and providing accommodation for approximately 350 caravans, and a smaller site which has accommodation for four caravans.

Provided on these sites are facilities for washing, piped water supply, waste water drainage, and water closets.

Two applications were received and granted for permission to station caravans in the area, one application being in connection with the Fairground at Old Saltburn and one in connection with a garage at Marske-by-the-Sea.

SHOPS

Inspections were made of shops in the area for the purpose of checking the adequacy of sanitary and washing accommodation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

These services are being increasingly used by the ratepayers, who do not hesitate to call for assistance.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	
1. No. of Properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	3702	315	4370	13
2. No. of Properties Inspected as a result of :					
(a) Notification ...	7	32	5	44	1
(b) Survey under the Act ...	4	246	34	284	4
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose) ...	—	—	—	—	—
3. Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections	18	613	97	728	24
4. No. of Properties Inspected (in Section 2) which were found to be infested by :					
(a) Rats—Major ...	1	1	—	2	1
Rats—Minor ...	2	23	3	28	—
(b) Mice—Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
Mice—Minor ...	4	8	2	14	—
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Section 4) Treated by Local Authority ...	7	32	5	44	1

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Smoke Abatement Society and the Tees-side Clean Air Committee.

Two deposit gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-the-Sea in the garden of "Ivy House", by kind permission of Dr. P. A. Walshaw, and one in the Police Station Grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable. These gauges are in protected positions and no damage was experienced during the year. I would like to express my thanks to these two gentlemen for granting facilities to station these gauges.

Herewith are tables showing the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

During the year twelve complaints were received with regard to nuisance from smoke created by the burning of waste material, and two complaints were received with regard to the emission of black smoke by British Railways. These complaints were followed up and no further trouble has been experienced.

Twelve observations were made during the year on the chimney of the only coal-fired boiler in the area and no complaints were made.

During the year a mobile exhibition, organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation, toured the district and attendance was satisfactory.

MARSKE GAUGE

		PH Value	Undissolved Matter (Tons/sq.Mile)	Dissolved Matter (Tons/sq.Mile)	Total Solids Collected (Tons/sq.Mile)	Rainfall in Inches
January	...	5.6	3.88	15.88	19.76	2.66
February	...	5.7	1.34	3.14	4.48	0.47
March	...	5.5	2.47	3.87	6.34	0.46
April	...	6.8	5.08	5.39	10.47	1.43
May	...	6.6	3.04	4.98	8.02	0.42
June	...	6.5	13.96	4.21	18.17	1.55
July	...	4.5	8.01	15.69	23.70	2.71
August	...	6.6	1.34	3.30	4.64	0.23
September	...	6.7	4.24	1.78	6.02	0.97
October	...	6.6	4.61	4.64	9.25	1.20
November	...	6.1	3.14	7.45	10.59	3.40
December	...	6.7	3.14	5.30	8.44	3.15
Average	...	6.2	4.52	6.30	10.82	1.55

SALTBURN GAUGE

		PH Value	Undissolved Matter (Tons/sq.Mile)	Dissolved Matter (Tons/sq.Mile)	Total Solids Collected (Tons/sq.Mile)	Rainfall in Inches
January	...	5.0	3.89	10.46	14.35	2.38
February	...	5.6	4.58	3.60	8.18	0.53
March	...	5.9	2.84	3.14	5.98	0.73
April	...	6.4	15.70	7.31	23.01	1.38
May	...	6.6	5.81	6.54	12.35	0.56
June	...	6.5	8.82	3.51	12.33	1.60
July	...	6.4	8.58	18.91	27.49	3.02
August	...	6.7	1.37	3.24	4.61	0.28
September	...	6.3	3.47	2.10	5.57	0.91
October	...	6.4	4.69	3.78	8.47	1.34
November	...	6.2	4.00	9.82	13.82	4.23
December	...	6.4	6.31	6.47	12.78	3.87
Average	...	6.2	5.84	6.57	12.41	1.73

SALTBURN GAUGE — “ LONG ANALYSIS ”

	Total Undissolved Matter Dried at 100°C	Total Dissolved Matter Dried at 100°C	Total Solids Collected Dried at 100°C	Tarry Matter Soluble in Carbon Di-Sulphide	Ash	Combustible Matter Insoluble in Carbon Di-Sulphide	Sulphates as SO ₄ in Dissolved Solids
March	2.84	3.14	5.98	0.20	1.77	0.87	1.00
June	8.82	3.51	12.33	0.17	5.24	3.41	1.39
September	3.47	2.10	5.57	0.10	2.34	1.03	0.93
December	6.31	6.47	12.78	0.10	3.71	2.50	2.05
Average	5.36	3.80	9.16	0.14	3.26	1.95	1.34

WIND RECORDS — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No. Record
January	60.0	20.0	7.0	9.5	135.0	125.5	94.0	153.5	1.5	138.0
February	27.0	45.0	38.0	6.5	123.0	352.0	58.0	12.5	6.0	4.0
March	54.5	75.5	86.0	71.5	236.0	150.5	42.5	23.5	4.0	—
April	70.5	58.5	23.5	12.5	150.0	216.5	130.5	43.5	14.5	—
May	213.5	218.5	37.5	7.5	29.0	72.0	73.0	51.5	41.5	—
June	72.0	132.5	33.5	14.0	62.5	163.5	144.5	55.0	31.5	11.0
July	65.5	59.5	21.0	7.0	165.0	232.5	122.5	44.5	17.5	9.0
August	124.0	104.5	37.5	25.0	79.5	153.0	94.5	46.5	20.5	59.0
September	88.0	87.5	55.0	17.0	61.5	226.5	63.0	25.5	74.0	22.0
October	28.0	63.5	53.5	52.5	126.5	214.5	84.5	67.5	40.5	13.0
November	13.5	35.0	69.5	24.5	325.5	164.0	39.0	33.5	15.5	1.0
December	6.5	10.0	123.0	8.0	211.0	203.0	51.5	60.0	8.5	62.5
Average	68.6	75.0	48.7	21.3	142.0	189.4	83.1	51.4	22.9	26.6

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1959 forty-five tenants were selected for Council Houses and thirty four tenants for Elderly Persons' Accommodation. A Points' Scheme is in operation for the selection of tenants for Houses and Elderly Persons' accommodation.

During the year nine applications were received from tenants of Houses for permission to take lodgers and in three cases permission was refused.

Eighteen applications were received during the year for exchanges of Council Houses and fifteen were agreed to.

The Annual Check was carried out on the Housing List and the results were as follows :

No. of Applicants on the Housing List	...	...	...	181
No. of Letters returned "Address Unknown"	...	...	...	24
No. of Applicants from whom no reply was received	...	...	...	40
No. of Applications removed from List at Applicant's request	5	...	...	...
No. of Applicants remaining on the Housing List	...	...	...	112

These figures show a reduction of three on the number of applicants for the previous year.

During the year the Council erected 91 units for housing accommodation, which included 12 one-bedroom flatlets and 10 one-bedroom bungalows for Elderly Persons' accommodation.

7 new Council Houses were sold to applicants on the Council's Housing List who had been selected as tenants or were existing tenants of Council Houses.

HOUSING ACT, 1949 — AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954 — AS AMENDED BY THE RENTS ACT, 1957

Three applications were received for Improvement Grants and these were approved by the Council.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 — AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

One application was received for a Discretionary Grant and was agreed by the Council.

THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

This Act makes new provision for what is called a Standard Grant and is a modified form of Grant to cover the provision of five standard amenities, as follows:

1. Fixed Bath or Shower in a Bathroom.
2. Wash-Hand Basin.
3. Hot Water Supply.
4. Water Closet in or Contiguous to the Dwelling.
5. Satisfactory Facilities for Storing Food.

Seven applications were received for Standard Grants during the year and these were approved by the Council.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

One Certificate of Disrepair, which remained in force at the end of 1958, still remained in force at the end of 1959.

RENT ACT, 1957

The three Certificates of Disrepair which were granted in 1957 still remained in force at the end of 1959. A Demolition Order has been made in respect of one of these properties.

One application was received during the year for the cancellation of one of these Certificates of Disrepair but the application was refused.

During 1959 one application was received for a Certificate of Disrepair but the Landlord gave an Undertaking to carry out the works.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses Completed in 1959 :

(a) Council	...	...	...	...	...	91
(b) Other	...	...	...	...	...	177

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts) ...	...	...	...	...	...	30
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	...	...	...	...	...	95
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	...	...	...	...	...	30

2	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :	
(1)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of action by the Local Authority or their Officers	27
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses where work is in progress but not yet complete	—
(3)	Number of Notices in course of preparation (not yet served)	—
(4)	Number of Notices outstanding	3
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :	
	Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
4.	HOUSING ACT, 1957 — OVERCROWDING :	
(a)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...	2
(b) (1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...	2
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	9
(c)	Particulars of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and to the late Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. Pattinson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., whose guidance and encouragement was a great help to me.

I wish, also, to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, and Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,
 Ladies and Gentlemen,
 Your obedient servant,
 N. R. DARLING,
 Public Health Inspector
 and Housing Officer.

